(a) whether it is a fact that about 210 hectares of Salt Department land in Bombay is to be released for Housing projects, etc.; and

(b) if so what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Permission to MRTP Companies to enter into new foreign collaboration Agreements

3653. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether permission has been granted to various MRTP companies to enter into new foreign collaboration agreements and if so, what are the names of the companies which were granted such permission between 1st April, 1983 and 31st March, 1988; and

(b) whether the NRI and foreign based Indian companies have been granted permision to acquire shares of Indian companies like Ashok Leyland, Shaw Wallace, etc. and if so, what are the reasons for encouraging such ventures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Government has approved 4275 proposals for foreign collaboration during the period 1st April, 1983 to 31st March, 1988. The details of approved foreign collaborations showing the names of Indian and foreign firms, item of manufacture and nature of foreign collaboration are published on a monthly basis by the Indian Investment Centre as a supplement to its monthly news letter. Copies of this publication are sent regulary to Parliament Library. MRTP Company-wise statistical information is not mantained in Secretariat for Industrial Approvals.

(b) No permission has been granted by the Government to any NRI or Foreign based Indian company to acquire-shares of Ashok Leyland or Shaw Wallace.

Delay in inquiry by MRTP Commission

3654. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for the delay in MRTP Inquiry pertaining to Case No. 138 of 1984 (Voice Vs. 43 TV Cos.) and by when the inquiry is likely to conclude;

(b) what is the number of witnesses and documents provided through the complainants letters dated the 4th and 11th November, 1986 to the DG of MRTP Commission for evidence in this inquiry along with the number of documents and witnesses actually included in the DG's list of witnesses and documents; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the DG is unable to produce all outstation witnesses due to non-availability of funds; if so, what steps are being taken to augment resources, for the expeditious disposal of the case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) MRTP Enquiry No. 138 of 1984 in the matter of Voluntary Organisation for the Interest of Consumer Education (VOICE), New Delhi, Versus Bharat T.V. Ltd., and other is at present at evidence stage VOICE, the complainant, had desired 101 consumers to be made as witnesses alongwith several documents. The Director-General (I & R), after consultation with VOICE, finalised a list of 13 witnesses and 22 documents to be produced before the MRTP Commission.

Under the MRTP Act, no time limit has been prescribed for the Commission for completion of such enquires. The